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The SPECTATOR.

——Pudet hæc opprobria nobis. Ovid.

Wedneſday, May 7. 1712.

Mr. SPECTATOR, *May 6,* 1712.

'I Am Sexton of the Pariſh of *Covent-Garden*, 'and complained to you ſome time ago, that 'as I was tolling in to Prayers at Eleven in 'the Morning, Crowds of People of Quality haſtened to aſſemble at a Puppet-Show on the other Side of the Garden. I had at the ſame time a very great Diſeſteem for Mr. *Powell* and his little thoughtleſs Commonwealth, as if they had enticed the Gentry into thoſe Wanderings: But let that be as it will, I now am convinced of the honeſt Intentions of the ſaid Mr. *Powell* and Company; and ſend this to acquaint you, that he has given all the Profits which ſhall ariſe to Morrow Night by his Play to the Uſe of the poor Charity Children of this Pariſh. I have been informed, Sir, that in *Holland* all Perſons who ſet up any Show, or act any Stage-Play, be the Actors either of Wood and Wire, or Fleſh and Blood, are obliged to pay out of their Gain ſuch a Proportion to the honeſt and induſtrious Poor in the Neighbourhood: By this Means they make Diverſion and Pleaſure pay a Tax to Labour and Induſtry. I have been told alſo, that all the Time of *Lent*, in Roman-Catholick Countries, the Perſons of Condition adminiſtred to the Neceſſities of the Poor, and attended the Beds of Lazars and diſeaſed Perſons. Our Proteſtant Ladies and Gentlemen are much to ſeek for proper Ways of paſſing Time, that they are obliged to *Punchinello* for knowing what to do with themſelves. Since the Caſe is ſo, I deſire only you would entreat our People of Quality, who are not to be interrupted in their Pleaſure to think of the Practice of any moral Duty, that they would at leaſt fine for their Sins, and give ſomething to theſe poor Children: A little out of their Luxury and Superfluity would attone, in ſome Meaſure, for the wanton Uſe of the reſt of their Fortunes. It would not methinks be amiſs, if the Ladies who haunt the Cloyſters and Paſſages of the Play-houſe were upon every Offence obliged to pay to this excellent Inſtitutions of Schools of Charity: This Method would make Offenders themſelves do Service to the Publick. But in the mean time I deſire you would publiſh this voluntary Reparation which Mr. *Powell* does our Pariſh, for the Noiſe he has made in it by the conſtant rattling of Coaches, Drums, Trumpets, Triumphs, and Battles. The Deſtruction of *Troy*, adorned with Highland Dances, are to make up the Entertainment of all who are ſo well diſpoſed as not to forbear a light Entertainment, for no other Reaſon but that it is to do a good Action.

I am,

SIR,

Your moſt humble Servant,

Ralph Bellfry.

'I am credibly informed that all the Inſinuations 'which a certain Writer made againſt Mr. *Powell* 'at the *Bath*, are falſe and groundleſs.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'MY Employment, which is that of a Broker, 'leading me often into Taverns about the 'Exchange, has given me Occaſion to obſerve a 'certain Enormity, which I ſhall here ſubmit to 'your Animadverſion. In three or four of theſe 'Taverns, I have at different Times taken notice 'of a preciſe Set of People, with grave Countenances, ſhort Wiggs, black Cloaths, or dark 'Camlet trimm'd with Black, and Mourning Gloves 'and Hatbands, who meet on certain Days at each 'Tavern ſucceſſive, and keep a ſort of moving 'Club. Having often met with their Faces, and 'obſerv'd a certain ſlinking Way in their dropping in one after another, I had the Curioſity to 'enquire into their Characters, being the rather 'mov'd to it by their agreeing in the ſingularity of 'their Dreſs; and I find upon due Examination 'they are a Knot of Pariſh-Clarks, who have taken 'a Fancy to one another, and perhaps ſettle the 'Bills of Mortality over their half Pints. I have 'ſo great a Value and Veneration for any who have 'but even an aſſenting *Amen* in the Service of Religion, that I am afraid leſt theſe Perſons ſhou'd 'incur ſome ſcandal by this Practice; and wou'd 'therefore

‘ therefore have them, without raillery, advis'd to
‘ to ſend the Florence and Pullets home to their
‘ own Houſes, and not pretend to live as well as
‘ the Overſeers of the Poor.

I am,

SIR

Your humble Servant,

Humphry Transfer.

Mr. SPECTATOR, *May 6th.*

‘I was laſt *Wedneſday* Night at a Tavern in the
‘ City, amongſt a Set of Men who call them-
‘ ſelves the Lawyers Club. You muſt know, Sir,
‘ this Club conſiſts only of Attorneys; and at this
‘ Meeting every one propoſes the Cauſe he has then
‘ in Hand to the Board, upon which each Member
‘ gives his Jugdment according to the Experience
‘ he has met with. If it happens that any one puts
‘ a Caſe, of which they have had no Preſident, it
‘ is noted down by their Clerk *Will. Gooſequill*, (who
‘ Regiſters all their Proceedings) that one of them
‘ may go the next Day with it to a Counſel. This
‘ indeed is commendable, and ought to be the
‘ principal End of their Meeting; but had you been
‘ there to have heard them relate their Methods of
‘ managing a Cauſe, their Manner of drawing out
‘ their Bills, and in ſhort, their Arguments upon
‘ the ſeveral Ways of abuſing their Clients, with
‘ the Applauſe that is given to him who has done
‘ it moſt Artfully, you would before now have
‘ given your Remarks on them. They are ſo con-
‘ ſcious that their Diſcourſes ought to be kept Secret,
‘ that they are very cautious of admitting any Per-
‘ ſon who is not of their Profeſſion. When any,
‘ who are not of the Law, are let in, the Perſon
‘ who introduces him, ſays, he is a very honeſt
‘ Gentleman; and he is taken in, as their Cant is, to
‘ pay Coſts. I am admitted upon the recommen-
‘ dation of one of their Principals, *as a very honeſt*
‘ *good natured Fellow*, that will never be in a Plot,
‘ and only deſires to drink his Bottle and ſmoke his
‘ Pipe. You have formerly remarked upon ſeveral
‘ Sorts of Clubs; and as the Tendency of this is
‘ only to increaſe Fraud and Deceit, I hope you
‘ will pleaſe to take Notice of it.

I am, (with reſpect)

Your humble Servant,

H. R.

ADVERTEISMENT.

To prevent the Abuſe of the Preſs and the Encreaſe of inſipid Authors, there are now publiſhed the Works of that wiſe Critick Dionyſius Longinus; or, A Treatiſe concerning the Sovereign Perfection of Writing: *Faithfully tranſlated from the Greek by Mr. Welſted. Printed for Sam. Briſcoe, and ſold by John Graves next White's Chocolate-houſe in St. James's-ſtreet, and Own Lloyd near the Church in the Temple.*

For the Benefit of Mr. Keene.

At the Deſire of ſeveral Ladies of Quality.

By Her Majeſty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre-Royal in Drury-Lane, to Morrow being Thurſday, the 8th of May, will be preſented a Play called the Mourning-Bride. The Part of the Mourning-Bride by Mrs. Bradſhaw, the King by Mr. Keene, Oſmin by Mr. Booth, and all the other Parts to the beſt Advantage. By her Majeſty's Command no Perſons are to be admitted behind the Scenes.

Never performed but once.

AT the Queen's Theatre in the Hay-Market, this preſent Wedneſday, being the 7th of May, will be preſented a new Opera called, Hercules. The Boxes 8 s. Pit 5 s. firſt Gallery 2 s. 6 d. upper Gallery 1 s. 6 d. Boxes upon the Stage half a Guinea. To begin at half an Hour paſt 7, the Entertainment being ſhort. By her Maj. ſty's Command no Perſons are to be admitted behind the Scenes.

At the Duke of Marlborough's Head in Fleet-ſtreet, in the great Room, is to be ſeen the famous Poſture-Maſter of Europe, who far exceeds the deceaſed Poſture-Maſter Clarke and Higgins: He extends his Body into all deformed Shapes; makes his Hip and Shoulder Bones meet together; lays his Head upon the Ground, and turns his Body round twice or thrice, without ſtirring his Face from the Place; ſtands upon one Leg, and extends the other in a perpendicular Line half a Yard above his Head; and extends his Body from a Table, with his Head a Foot below his Heels, having nothing to ballance his Body but his Feet: With ſeveral other Poſtures too tedious to mention. Likewiſe a Child about 9 Years of Age, that ſhews ſuch Poſtures as never was ſeen performed by one of his Age. Alſo the famous Engliſh Artiſt, who turns his Balls into living Birds; and takes an empty Bag, which after being turned, trod, and ſtampt on, produces ſom Hundred of Eggs, and at laſt a living Hen. Side Boxes 2 s. Pit 1 s. To be performed at 7 a Clock in the Evening.

☞ An extraordinary Collection of Original Pictures by the moſt celebrated Italian Maſters, viz. Coregio, Titian, Paulo Veroneſe, Julio Romano, Tintoret, Palma, Baſſano, Carracci, Michael Ang. Bataglia, Borgognone, Franceſco Bollognese, and others will be ſold by Auction to Morrow the 8th of this Inſtant at Mr. Pelitier's next Houſe to the Wheatſheaf, in Henrietta ſtreet, Covent-Garden; where Catalogues May be had, and at Mr. Breſſant's at the two Flower Pots in Sommerſet Yard. The Pictures may be ſeen this Day before the Sale.

Loſt a large Daniſh Dog, tan-colour on his Back, white round his Neck and under his Belly, a long Tail, white at the End. If any Perſon will bring him, or give Information where he is, to Mr. Oſundo at his Houſe near St. James's, ſo as he may be had again, ſhall have a Guinea Reward.

A Glaſs Chariot, light and fit for Travelling, in good repair, is to be ſold at a reaſonable Price. Inquire at Scar's Coffee-houſe in Lincoln's Inn, or at England's Tavern by Cupid Garden where it ſtands.

This Week will be Publiſh'd,

The Effigies of His Highneſs Prince Eugene of Savoy, curiouſly done in Metſotinto, after the only Original Picture painted by Sir Godfery Kneller. Sold by Henry Overton at the White-Horſe without Newgate, and E. Cooper at the 3 Pidgeons in Bedford-ſtreet. Price 2 s.

A Houſe and Shop, fitted up with Counter and Shelves proper for a Milliner, or any other Trade, at 16 l. a Year; it is convenient for Lodgers, enclos'd with Shutters to lock up, and a Door to the Garden to go backward: It ſtands well for any Trade. Alſo another Houſe proper for a private Family, or a Gentleman of the Cuſtom-houſe, Victualling, or Navy-Office, ſituate in Goodman's-Fields, at 11 l. per Ann. Alſo another Houſe in the Country, about Two Miles off, in a good Air, and about 5 l. per Ann. Inquire at John's Coffee-houſe in Sweeting's-Alley, near the Exchange.

At Whitton in Middleſex is to be Lett (with Land or without, and with furniture or without) a very good faſhionable Houſe of 8 Rooms on a Floor, with Saſh-Windows and Cloſets, and very good Offices, Landry, Brew-houſe and Dove-houſe, Coach-houſe and Stables, and very handſome Gardens wall'd round and planted with the beſt Fruit, adorn'd with Statues, fine Greens, and a Wilderneſs, and Kitchen-Gardens, all lying compact. It is between Iſleworth and Twickenham, about 10 Miles from London, 3 from Brentford, 3 from Kingſton, 2 from Richmond, and between 2 and 3 from Hampton-Court. Enquire of Mr. Thomas Jackſon Surgeon at Twickenham, or at Tom's Coffee-houſe in Devereaux-Court near the Temple, London.

Wm Tazwell undertakes to accompliſh Gentlemen, or other Perſons of either Sex above the Age of 14 Years, in the compleat knowledge of the Latin Tongue, and make them capable of rendring Latin into Engliſh, and Engliſh into Latin, (by their Attendance only an Hour at a time 3 Days in a Week) in 3 Months time from his firſt beginning to teach them, tho' they never learn'd the Language before: And that by an eaſie practical Method, entirely new, founded upon undeniable Reaſon and Experience, and ſo wholly free from the tedious Forms of Schools, as not to require much Study or Pains, or be in the leaſt burthenſome to the Memory, but as pleaſant as well as profitable, and does not tire the Perſon's Patience in Learning, or break the Thoughts from, or hinder any Buſineſs. He is to be agreed with next the Blue Anchor and Crown in Prince's Street near Stocks-Market, the lower-end of the Street, between the Hours of 2 and 6 in the Afternoon, his Buſineſs requiring Attendance in a Forenoon.

Juſt publiſhed,

A Collection of Papers againſt the Scots Toleration and Patronages that have been Printed or Preſented to Her Majeſty, and the two Houſes of Parliament. To which is added the Abjuration Oath, with an Introductory Letter containing ſome Remarks upon it. Price 1 s. Printed for A. Bell at the Croſs Keys and Bible in Cornhill, and ſold by J. Baker in Pater-Noſter-Row; where may be had the Preſent State of Religion in Ireland, &c. Price 6 d.

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